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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – FRESNO DIVISION**

MARTHA ZEPEDA OLIVARES,  
INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF  
THE ESTATE OF MAXIMILIANO SOSA,  
JR.; MAXIMILIANO SOSA, SR.

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF FRESNO; UNKNOWN LAW  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND DOES 1-  
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Defendants.

Case No.: 1:23-cv-01575-JLT-SAB

*Assigned to: The Hon. Jennifer L. Thurston*

**NOTICE OF RELATED CASE PURSUANT  
TO LOCAL RULE 123 (B)**

Complaint Filed: 11/7/2023

TO THE HONORABLE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF  
RECORD, pursuant to Local Rule 123(b), plaintiffs Martha Zepeda Olivares, individually and on  
behalf of the Estate of Maximiliano Sosa, Jr., and Maximiliano Sosa, Sr. hereby provides notice  
of the following related case, Maria Sosa, I.S. by and through guardian *ad litem* Maria Sosa,  
M.S. by and through guardian *ad litem* Jennifer Lopez, individually and as successors-in-interest  
to Maximiliano Sosa, Case No. 1:24-cv-01039-EPG, filed on August 30, 2024.

STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP OF CASES

Both cases involve the same events, are based on the same set of facts surrounding the incident that led to both lawsuits, involve the same defendants and officers, and raise similar issues regarding excessive force and the City of Fresno's policies.

The current case, filed by Martha Zepeda Olivares (the decedent's mother), Maximiliano Sosa, Sr. (the decedent's father), and the Estate of Maximiliano Sosa, Jr., includes claims for Fourth Amendment violations, deprivation of familial relationship under the Fourteenth Amendment, municipal liability and other causes of action.

The related case, filed by Maria Sosa (the decedent's wife) and her two minor children, includes claims for excessive force under the Fourth Amendment, denial of medical care, interference with familial relationship, municipal liability, Americans with Disabilities Act violations, and various state law claims including battery, negligence, and violation of the Bane Act.

#### SAVINGS OF JUDICIAL EFFORT AND OTHER ECONOMIES

Despite minor differences in the specific causes of action, both cases arise from the same incident, involve the same primary defendants, and will likely require similar evidence, witnesses, and depositions of individuals. Assigning both cases to the same Judge and/or Magistrate Judge would likely result in substantial judicial efficiency and prevent duplication of labor, as the same or similar factual and legal issues will need to be addressed in both cases.

Dated: September 4, 2024

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